Did you know?

…that your health and your family's health is directly affected by:

- **Your job**
- **Your neighborhood**
- **Your income**
- **Your education**
- **Your personal behavior**

What are we doing about it?

The Louisville Metro Health Department has created the Center for Health Equity. The Center is committed to:

- **Creating health equity through social justice**
- **Eliminating health inequities by confronting racial discrimination**
- **Working to empower and support communities and individuals to take charge of their health by acting on the social conditions that affect their health**
- **Creating optimal health for all through social and economic change**

How will we do it?

To accomplish its mission, the Center for Health Equity will:

- **Educate the community**
- **Build community capacity by giving community, church, and other grass roots organizations the skills to perform health assessments and screenings, and to design and implement neighborhood health initiatives**
- **Educate and train health professionals and others around the principals of health equity**
- **Develop curriculum for professionals**
- **Replicate programs that have been proven to begin to close the gap in excess death**
- **Build new coalitions representing the many forces responsible for individual and community health**
- **Conduct research driven by the community on methodologies needed to create health equity in Louisville**
- **Develop public policy that supports equal access to health and healthcare resources**
- **Focus on the health of refugees and immigrants**
- **Raise community awareness of the existence of health inequities and potential solutions to this crisis**
- **Change the practice of public health to fully integrate the principles of health equity into the daily work of our workforce**
- **Build a reliable database on the health of Louisville's communities of color and the economically disadvantaged**

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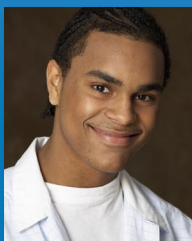
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"America's new frontier is not the wilderness, or the air, or the sea; it is the inner cities, the barrios, and the reservations where disparities persist and where dreams are dim."

Dr. David Satcher, Interim President,
Morehouse School of Medicine and
16th Surgeon General of the United States.

"It is our hope that the work we do at the Center for Health Equity will serve as a model for other local health departments across the country to develop a different and more relevant paradigm to eliminate inequities in health and bring about health equity."

Dr. Adewale Troutman,
Director, Louisville Metro Health Department

The Center for Health Equity will be a catalyst for community awareness and change by providing opportunities for traditional and non-traditional partners to work together to remove the barriers that allow differences in health status among populations.

This is our plan to make a difference.

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